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PROSTHETIC FOOT WITH TUNABLE PERFORMANCE

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## **LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

The outstanding Office Action, mailed April 10, 2007 in the above-identified application required applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in the application from the patentably distinct species identified for each of the prosthetic foot, foot keel, calf shank, coupling element and method of generating kinetic power as set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. In addition to an election of a single disclosed species from each of the indicated patentably distinct structural and/or functional features, applicant was required to provide a listing of all claims readable on the elected species.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, applicants elect the following species for prosecution on the merits in the application:

Prosthetic Foot - Species E embodied in Fig. 41

Foot Keel - Species B embodied in Figs. 6 and 7

Calf Shank - Species A embodied in Fig. 15

Coupling Element - Species B embodied in Fig. 26

Method of generating kinetic power - Species B embodied in Figs. 40-

49.

Claims 1-19 and 30-46 are readable on the elected species.

An early action on the merits is requested.

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